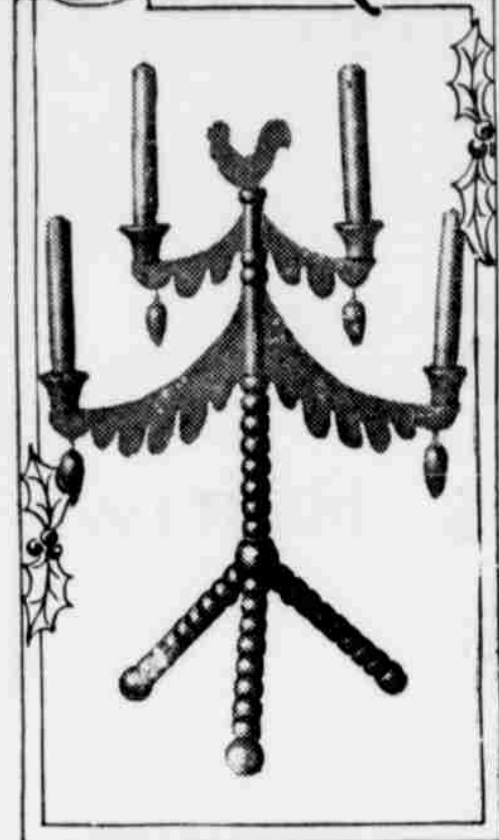


ONE KIND CHRISTMAS TREE



In Sweden wooden candelabra like the one in the picture are frequently used instead of Christmas trees for the display of gifts.

Oh, to Have Dwelt In Bethlehem!

OH, to have dwelt in Bethlehem
When the star of the Lord
shone bright;
To have sheltered the holy wanderers
On that blessed Christmas night;
To have kissed the tender, way worn feet
Of the mother undefiled
And with reverent wonder and deep delight
To have tended the Holy Child!

Hush! Such a glory was not for thee,
But that care may still be thine,
For are there not little ones still to aid
For the sake of the child divine?
Are there no wandering pilgrims now
To thy heart and thy home to take?
And are there no mothers whose weary hearts
You can comfort for Jesus' sake?
—Adelaide Procter.

The Highland Lassie on Christmas.
Grant in his "Highland Customs" tells
how the Scotch lassie rose with the
first gray streak of dawn to bake her
Christmas sowans, or sour scones, hard
oat cakes, soft cakes and pannich

paton. The day's enjoyment always
consisted of trials of skill and games
and wound up with a grand evening
meal. In some parts of Scotland, as
in England, it became customary to
hang a branch of mistletoe in the middle
of the room or over the door, and
if by accident or otherwise a girl passed
under it any young man was privileged
to give her as many kisses as
there were berries on one of its sprays.

The SOUTH'S CHRISTMAS & AFTER THE WAR

ON a typical plantation the first
Christmas after the war came
gloomily indeed, writes Mary
E. Bryan in Uncle Remus'
Magazine. A number of the negroes
still inhabited the old "quarter," but
they were too demoralized and un-
settled in mind to work.

The cotton crop had been a failure,
and old debts had swallowed up the
proceeds. No boxes and barrels con-
taining good things for Christmas had
been rolled from the steamboats out
upon the plantation landing, as in bet-
ter times. But Christmas morning
there was the old chorus, "Merry
Christmas," under the window.

The master of the house flung open
the window impatiently and called
out, "There's no Christmas for you
here; you will have to make your own
Christmas now." An old patriarch of
the tribe stepped forward and bared
his gray head. "We've brought it,"
Christmas' "membrane for master and
mistis, please, sah," he said. They
went in then. Each had a gift and
laid it on the table in silence.

One brought a dressed chicken, an-
other a dozen eggs, and the patriarch
brought a baked possum. A pair of
home knit socks, a bag of hickory nuts
and a basket of walnuts were among
the offerings.

When their gifts had been deposited
they started to file out, when the man
of the house, affected almost to tears,
called them back and thanked them.

The children poured out the contents
of their Santa Claus stockings to share
with the visitors, and the house mother
brought out a jug of homemade wine.
There was a little Christmas cheer
after all. The hard feeling melted
away. Every heart responded to the
prayer uttered by the negro leader
when he was departing:

"De Lawd bless you and your fam-
ily, master, and he's us ter feel an'
ek right towards one anoder."

Experience.
Experience is a keen knife that hurts
while it extracts the cataract that
blinds.—De Lincol.

Early Coal Discoveries.

The first mention of coal in the ter-
ritory which afterward became the
United States has heretofore been cred-
ited to Father Louis Hennepin,
who showed on a map published in 1683
the location of a "cole mine" along
Illinois river near the site of the pres-
ent city of Ottawa. According to S. O.
Andres of the Illinois state geological
survey, the credit for this first mention
of coal does not belong to Hennepin,
as the discovery of coal in the United
States by Europeans was made by
Joliet and Marquette in 1673. How-
ever, nearly a century and a half
elapsed after the discovery of coal in
Illinois before mining began. The
Journal of the Franklin Institute for
1836 states that the first mining op-
erations conducted by white men were
at the Mount Carbon mines, in Jack-
son county, Ill. These mines were
opened in 1810 and worked to a small
extent for many years. The earliest
recorded production was in 1833, when
6,000 tons of coal is said to have been
mined.—Detroit Free Press.

A Kindly Human Touch.

How rapidly nature repairs and beau-
tifies the torn places! The gash left
by the uprooted tree is soon covered
with green, and moss and vines are
quick to make the old stump into a
thing of beauty. Humanity might well
learn a lesson thereby, to its own great
advantage. Sympathy may easily trans-
form the unsightly and give it beauty.
If earth's soil responds to the touch of
nature in such a way it is reasonable
to suppose that human life would not
be less responsive. Hundreds of lives
at present harsh and repulsive are
within reach of every one, and they
might be wholly changed by a little
sympathetic seeding and kindly cul-
ture. After all, what more is needed
than the persuasion of the kindly hu-
man touch? There is no greater mir-
acle than that which is wrought by
love, and there is no man who may not
work it if he will.—Christian Register.

Labouchere's Sarcasm.

Of Gladstone Henry Labouchere
once remarked, "I do not object to Mr.
Gladstone occasionally having an ace
up his sleeve, but I do wish he would
not always say that Providence put it
there."

Baldheaded.

Uncle Jack asked little Nellie if she
didn't want him to play in the game
with her.

"Oh, no!" she said. "We're playing
Indian, and you're no use, 'cause you're
scalped already."—Chicago Tribune.

A Comeback.

"Honesty, my son," said the million-
aire, "is the best policy."

"Well, perhaps it is, dad," rejoined
the youthful philosopher, "but it
strikes me you have done pretty well
nevertheless."—London Tit-Bits.

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pair \$1.00 to \$6.00
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Thermos Bottles \$1.25 to \$2.50
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Shaving Powder 25c
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